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(SBU) Post formally presented reftel points April 13 to Claudia Mora, Vice Minister for Environment, Patricia Cortes, North America Director at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Yadir Salazar, Environmental Affairs Director at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Maria Clemencia Diaz, Chief of Staff to Energy Minister Martinez. Vice Minister Mora and EconCouns subsequently had the opportunity to relay the information in passing to Foreign Minister Bermudez. All expressed positive interest in the concept, with the Foreign Minister suggesting that we should explore linkages to the September 2008 bilateral Memorandum of Understanding on Renewable Energy that he signed with Secretary Rice. GOC interlocutors promised to evaluate initiative details in order to be prepared for POTUS's proposal at the Trinidad Summit.

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